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1 . RE PARA 3 OF REFTTEL, SECTION 1 OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IMMUNITIES ACT (IOIA) (PUBLIC LAW 291 - 79TH CONGRESS) STATES IN PART THE TERM "INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION" MEANS A PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES PARTICIPATES PURSUANT TO ANY TREATY OR UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ANY ACT OF CONGRESS AUTHORIZING SUCH PARTICIPATION OR MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SUCH PARTICIPATION, AND WHICH SHALL HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT THROUGH APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE ORDER.

2. FROM THE ABOVE IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE COMMONWEALTH
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SECRETARIAT DOES NOT MEET THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED IN THE

IOIA AS A PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION WHICH WOULD
ENTITLE ITS MEMBERS TO G-4 VISAS WHILE TRAVELING ON
SECRETARIAT BUSINESS.

3. ALTHOUGH COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT MEMBERS ARE NOT
ENTITLED TO A OR G VISAS WHILE TRAVELING ON SECRETARIAT
BUSINESS THEY MAY BE ISSUED A B-1 DIPLOMATIC VISA IF THEY
QUALIFY UNDER SECTION 22 CFR 41.102. KISSINGER

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